

Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

2016 Cell Phone Photography Contest

You are invited to participate in Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge's Cell Phone Photography Contest. We encourage you to visit the Refuge and show us your cell phone photography skills. This contest is free of charge. Each person may submit three (total) entries. You may submit entries in either or both categories (i.e. 3 submissions in Wildlife OR 1 submission in Plants and 2 submissions in Wildlife, etc...).

The contest will be separated by age groups: **Adult** (18 and above) and **Youth** (17 and below)

Each age group may submit photos that depict either of the following categories:

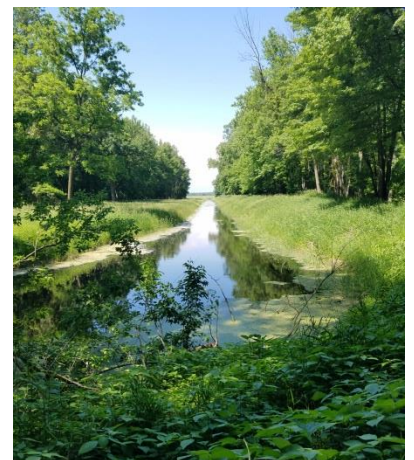
1. **Wildlife** (Mammals, Birds, Reptiles/Amphibians, Spiders, Insects, etc...)
2. **Plants and Plantlike Organisms / Landscapes** (Wildflowers, Fungus, Lichens, Ponds, etc...)

The photos will be displayed at the Green Point Environmental Learning Center and on the Refuge's Facebook page. Credit will be given to each of the contestants once the voting process has been completed. The public will vote online for their favorite photos in each of the categories. Voting will take place July 24th – July 30th. Certificates and prizes will be awarded.

- Voting will be administered online via SurveyMonkey. The link to the survey will be active July 24th – July 30th on Refuge website homepage: www.fws.gov/refuge/shiawassee

For further information or questions, please call Green Point ELC: **(989) 759-1669**

– Please see page two for rules and regulations –



Contest Rules and Regulations

1. All entries must be photographs taken at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge or Green Point Environmental Learning Center.
2. Up to three entries (total) per person may be submitted. Each age group may submit entries in either or both categories (i.e. 3 submissions in Wildlife OR 1 submission in Plants and 2 submissions in Wildlife, etc...). A youth is considered anyone of age 17 or below.
3. All photos must be submitted in an electronic copy (please send the highest resolution possible). Black and white photos are acceptable. Photos may not display the name of the photographer on the front of the photograph.
4. The electronic copies may be emailed to shiawassee@fws.gov. The subject line should read "Photo Contest". Entries will be accepted until July 20th.
5. Please attach a signed permission form with your contact information – each photo needs a signed form. Any photos lacking a signed form will be disqualified. (Note – three ways to submit form: **1.** electronically sign on PDF, **2.** print, sign, and scan signed form, or **3.** print, sign, and take photo of signed form)
6. Photos that have been altered to combine two or more photos, use replication, or have added details will be disqualified.
7. Notifications for disqualified entries will be made prior to voting.
8. If a minor is pictured in a photo, an "Agreement of Use of Likeness in Service Products" (USFWS form 3-2260) must accompany the entry forms. It can be found at (<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2260.pdf>).
9. All entries will be retained by the Refuge and may be used for a variety of reasons including but not limited to publications, webpages, and presentations.
10. While extreme care will be taken in handling all entries, the Refuge cannot be responsible for any damage to photographs.

Online Voting. Cast your vote online for your favorite photos from July 24th to July 30th. The link to the survey will be accessible on the Refuge website homepage: www.fws.gov/refuge/shiawassee

Title of Photo: _____ Age: _____

Print Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle Category Entered:

Wildlife

Plants (Plantlike Organisms)/Landscapes

I, the provider, hereby state in good faith that the photograph described herein was created by me alone in my private capacity and that the photograph automatically qualifies for a United States copyright. I hereby grant the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge permission to freely publish, reproduce, and distribute the photograph in any media, without my approval or permission, with no monetary compensation to me or my heirs or assigns, and without temporal or geographic restriction: However, if the USFWS or Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge uses the photograph, it agrees to credit me as the photographer if possible. If you would like to grant restricted usage rights to your photo you may fill out FWS Form 3-2259 available on the Internet (<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2259.pdf>). Please attach a copy of the form, as well as the information listed above, to the email you with the copy of the photo you submit.

I agree to the above copyright release – Signature: _____ Date: _____

If a minor (17 and under) has taken the photo, a parent or guardian of the minor must give their permission by signing above. If a minor is pictured in a photo, an "Agreement of Use of Likeness in Service Products" (USFWS form 3-2260) must accompany the entry forms. It can be found at (<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2260.pdf>).